

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
PROGRAMS, GRANTS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

June 4, 2013

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Pam Hicks, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Pam Hicks, Nancy Stewart, Trevor Yager

Members via teleconference: Jon Ford, Al Rent

Members absent: Judy Hess, Linda Levell, Micah Smith

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Susan Britsch, Kristina Davis, Bobbie Garver, Dennis Hardin, Emily Hellmuth, Olivia Ober, Lewis Ricci

1. Welcome and Introductions. IAC Commissioner Pam Hicks called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Consent Agenda. IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of today's agenda and the minutes from the March 7, 2013 meeting of the Programs, Grants and Services Committee. IAC Commissioner Nancy Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

3. Budget Update. IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci gave a verbal report on the FY 2014 IAC budget. The state budget includes an increase of \$250,000 for the Arts Commission, which is earmarked to be distributed through the Regional Arts Partner system for arts project grants in all parts of the state. Mr. Ricci expects that the Governor will mandate a 3% "holdback" on all agency budgets. The National Endowment for the Arts is expected to decrease its grant to IAC by 7%, due to mandatory "sequester" budget cuts. All things considered, the pool of grant money will remain largely the same. Regional Block Grants will see an increase.

4. Ratification of FY 2014 Individual Artist Program (IAP) Applications. IAC Community Development Manager Susan Britsch presented a handout (attached) showing the normalized scores from 73 applications for IAP grants. Considering the

size of the grant pool for this program, the 39 top-scoring applications are recommended for approval. IAC Commissioner Nancy Stewart moved to recommend that the full Commission approve IAP grants to the 39 top-scoring applicants as presented. IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

5. Ratification of FY 2014 – 2015 Arts Operating Support Grants (AOSIII/Multi-Regional). IAC Community Development Manager Kristina Davis presented a handout (attached) showing the scores from 15 applications for AOS III grants. In order to be awarded a grant in this category, an organization must attain a score of 85 or above from the review panel; 12 applications met that standard. Mr. Yager moved to recommend that the full Commission approve AOS III grants to the 12 organizations which attained the scoring standard. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed. Those organizations which scored below the standard of 85 but above the cut-off score of 80 will automatically be added to the list of Arts Operating Support (AOS II) grantees, and IAC staff will contact those organizations directly.

6. Ratification of FY 2014 Statewide Arts Service Organization (SWASO) Grants. Ms. Davis presented a handout (attached) showing the review panel scores for the two applying organizations. This is the last year that SWASO grants will be awarded; in the future this pool of money will be added to the Capacity Building and Technical Service grants. Ms. Stewart moved to recommend that the full Commission approve SWASO grants for the two applying organizations. Mr. Yager seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

7. Ratification of Statewide Membership Grants. Mr. Ricci explained that the IAC contributes annually to Arts Midwest, as a member organization. In turn, Arts Midwest approves grants to many organizations and projects in the state of Indiana. Likewise, the IAC contributes annually to Traditional Arts Indiana, an organization that provides networking and support for folk artists throughout the state. Mr. Yager moved to recommend that the full Commission approve Statewide Membership Grants to Arts Midwest and Traditional Arts Indiana. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

8 & 9. Ratification of FY 2014 Regional Arts Partner (RAP) Allocation and Ratification of FY 2014 Regional Initiative Grant (RIG) Applications. IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the proposed funding allocation for the Regional Arts Partners. Ms. Anderson presented individual printouts (attached) for each Region's approved RIG applications. The funding for RIG applications comes from each Region's Block Grant, as shown in the allocation plan. Mr. Yager moved to recommend that the full Commission approve the RAP allocation plan as presented, and that each Region's RIG grants be approved. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

10. Break. A break was not necessary.

11. Arts in Education Update. Ms. Britsch reported that the application period for Arts in Education grants will open in August. These grants are available to schools and teaching artists. Ms. Britsch attended the nation final competition for Poetry Out Loud, accompanying Emma Libersky of Plymouth High School, who was the state winner. The event was held in Washington, D.C. The state competition saw its largest number of participants ever, with 25 contestants making the finals in Indianapolis last February. Ms. Britsch also reported on progress being made on a project to quantify the effect of arts education in secondary schools as it relates to later success, such as graduation rates and college acceptances. The IAC has contracted with Bob Sabol of Purdue University to design the assessment, which will track students over a several-year period.

12. **ArtsWork Update.** Ms. Davis reported that she and two artists with disabilities were presenters during a Webinar conducted by the Kennedy Center for the Arts.

13. **Old Business.** Mr. Ricci reported on the status of the Indiana Artisan project, which had its start as a cooperative effort by the Arts Commission, the Indiana Office of Tourism, and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The project became successful enough to stand on its own as a certified not-for-profit entity, but has since suffered economically and has recently lost its not-for-profit status, and so is near the point of dissolving entirely. Mr. Ricci would like for the IAC to assist the program, by taking on the responsibility and authority to review and designate who will be given the title of Indiana Artisan, for a pre-determined length of time. Mr. Yager moved to recommend that the full Commission approve IAC's participation as reviewer and designator of the Indiana Artisan brand, for a minimum period of one year during the reorganization or dissolution of the Indiana Artisan Program. The responsibility for conducting such business will be assigned to the Programs, Grants and Services Committee. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

New Business. Mr. Ricci announced that the Programs, Grants and Services Committee will convene briefly prior to the start of the next meeting of the full Commission on June 21. He also reported that the IAC-sponsored colloquium, "Creating Vibrant Communities Through the Arts", being presented at Hanover College on June 6 & 7, is sold out, with participants from three states attending. He offered words of praise to IAC Communications Manager Emily Hellmuth, who has been the point person for organizing the event.

Adjourn. Ms. Hicks thanked everyone for their participation. Mr. Yager moved to adjourn. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Hicks	Y
Ford	Y
Rent	Y
Stewart	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.